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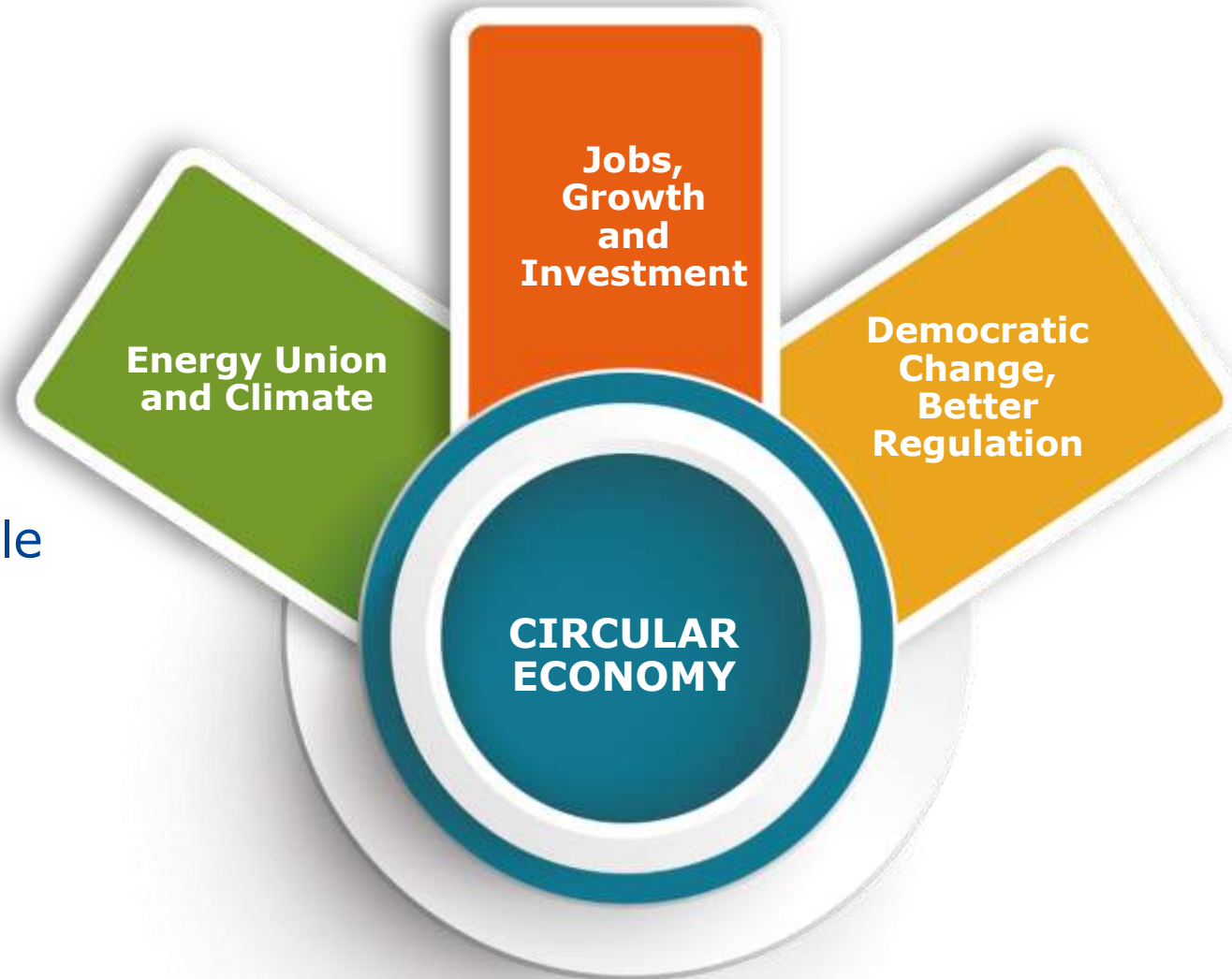
Circular Economy Package and the revision of the packaging and packaging waste directive 94/62/EC

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Circular Economy: a priority

Protecting the environment and boosting competitiveness go hand-in-hand: both are about building a sustainable future.



Circular Economy Package



Action Plan
Communication



List of Follow-up
Initiatives (Annex)



4 Legislative
proposals on waste



**actions are being
implemented**



**Under debate at the
Council and at the
European Parliament**



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Waste legislative proposals

***Making EU waste
legislation future-proof***

Challenges for the packaging sector in moving to circular economy

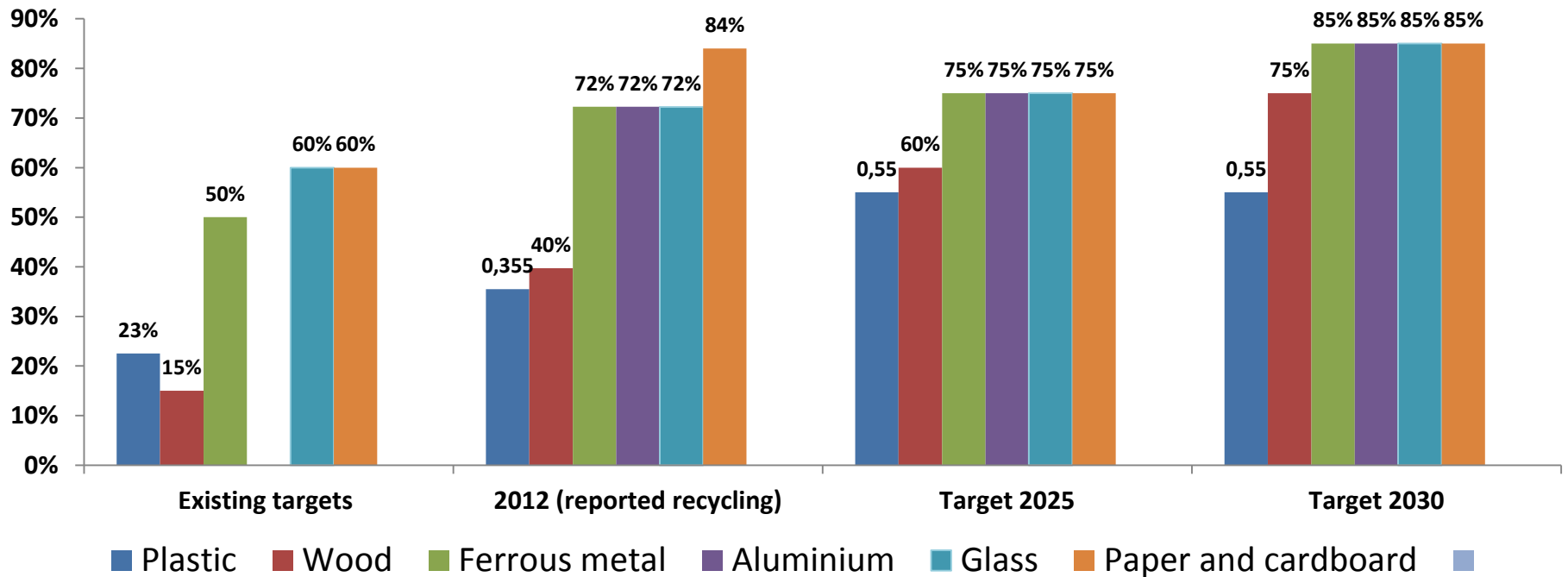
- **Reduction of waste generation / prevention**
- Increased recycling targets
- Design of packaging with complex materials, such as multilayer packaging
- Littering of packaging waste ('plastic soup' ...) especially lightweight plastic carrier bags



Common EU target for recycling of 75% of packaging waste by 2030



Increased material-specific recycling targets for packaging waste



- New target for aluminium



Economic Instruments

Current rules

- **Polluter-pays principle:** the costs of waste management shall be borne by the original waste producer or by the current or previous waste holders (Art. 14 WFD)

New proposals

- MS to put in place **economic instruments** to promote waste hierarchy
- **General requirements for EPR schemes**

Key concepts in current PPWD

- **Packaging waste**

any packaging or packaging material that the holder **discards, intends to discard** or is **required to discard**

- **Recycling**

reprocessing in a production process of the **waste** materials for the original purpose or for other purposes

- **Reuse**

operation by which **packaging** designed to accomplish a minimum number of rotations, is refilled or used for the same purpose for which it was conceived, with or without the support of auxiliary products



current PPWD

- **Article 5 :**

Member States **may** encourage reuse systems of packaging, which can be reused in an environmentally sound manner, in conformity with the Treaty.

- **Article 6:**

Member States **shall** attain specific recycling targets

Commission proposal on re-use

- **"preparing for re-use":**
checking, cleaning or repairing recovery operations, by which **waste, products or components of products** that have been collected by a recognised preparation for re-use operator or deposit-refund scheme are prepared so that they can be re-used without any other pre-processing
- **New "prepare for re-use and recycling target"**
 - Objective is to "reward" re-use



European Parliament on re-use

Stronger provisions proposed on re-use:

- Member States ***shall*** encourage reuse systems of packaging
- Member States shall achieve specific targets for re-use of packaging and may, to this end
 - Use deposit-return schemes
 - Set a minimum target of reusable packaging placed on the market per packaging stream
 - Establish economic incentives
- Packaging collected by deposit-return scheme may be counted in prevention target of MS



Legislative proposals - state of play

- Negotiations between EP, Council and Commission started end of May
- 14 'trilogues' (tripartite meetings) took place
- Objective: finalise the negotiations by the end of 2017
- So far discussions focussed on the Waste Framework Directive
 - About $\frac{3}{4}$ of all the provisions are covered
 - On many technical issues the legislators are not far apart in their positions and they have made good progress and agreed on many compromise provisions.
- Discussions on the Landfill and Packaging and Packaging Waste Directives have not yet started.



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